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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM TRANSMITTING ENCODED  
SIGNAL USING BLOCK LENGTHS WITH MULTIPLE  
INTEGRAL RELATIONSHIP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified  
application, Applicants respectfully request that the  
application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting  
same to read as follows:

A communication system for performing transmission and  
reception of a signal over a communication channel assesses a